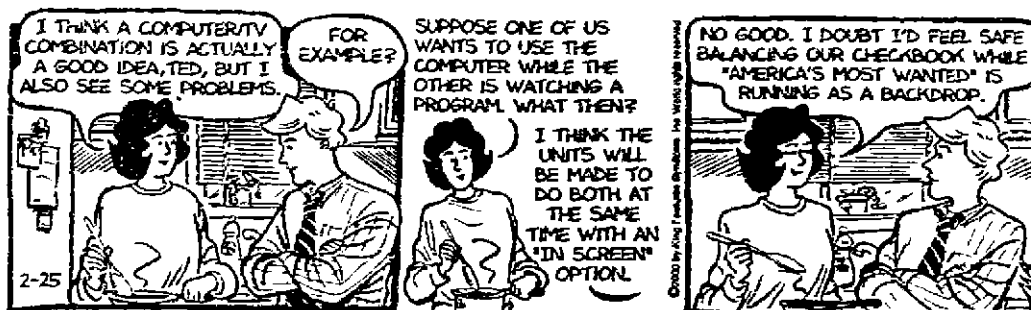


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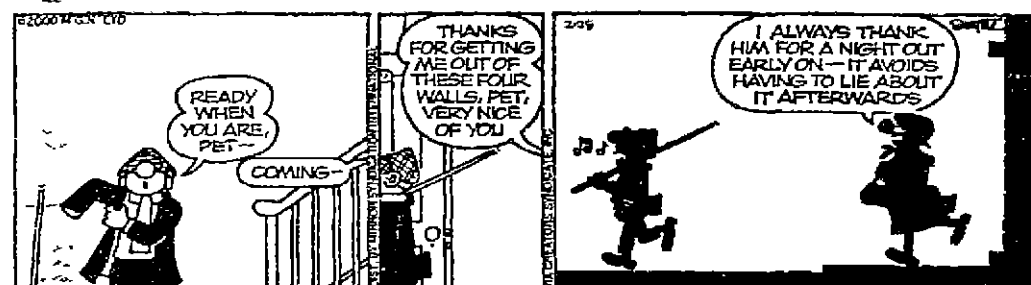
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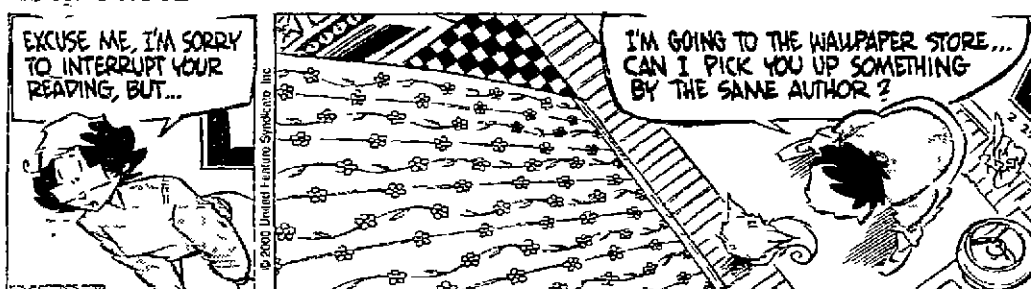
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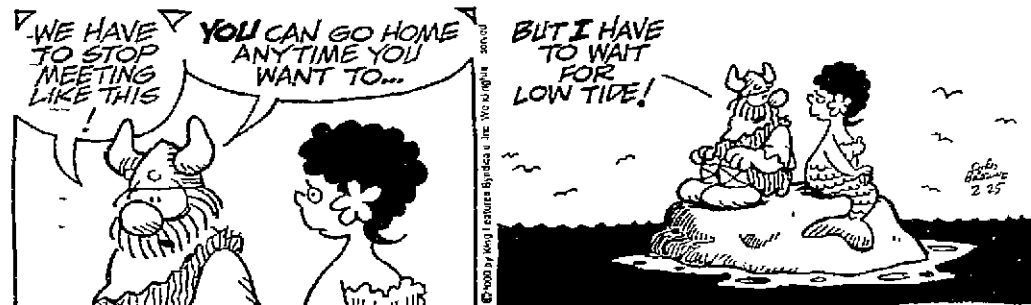
ANDY CAPP



ROSE IS ROSE



HAGAR THE HORRIBLE



MOTHER GOOSE AND GRIMM



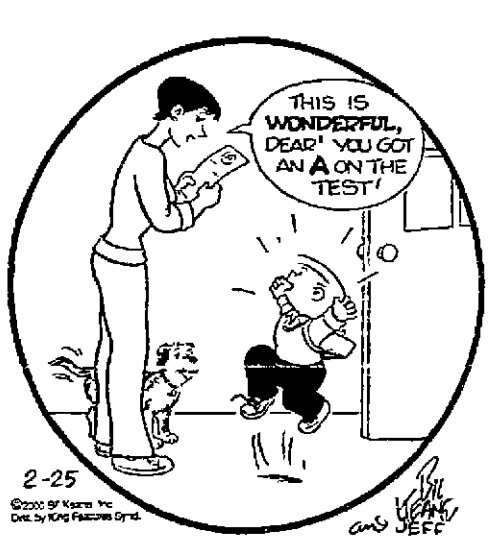
DILBERT



DENNIS THE MENACE



FAMILY CIRCUS



RHYMES WITH ORANGE



RALPH



Today's Birthdays

Country singer Ralph Stanley is 73
Producer-writer Larry Gelbart is 72
Musician Tommy Newsom is 71
Actor Tom Courtenay is 63
Actress Diane Baker is 62
Rock singer-musician George Harrison is 57
Talk-show host Sally Jessy Raphael is 57
Actress Karen Grassle is 56
Movie director Neil Jordan is 50
Actress Veronica Webb is 35
Actress Tea Leoni is 34

I NEED HELP



The suspicious Ambassador Stewart switches the ship's dyslithium crystals with Folger's crystals.

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PAR SCORE 40-50 by JUDD

FOUR RACK TOTAL TIME LIMIT 20 MIN

DIRECTIONS: Make a 2 to 7 letter word from the letters in each row. Add points of each word using scoring directions at right. 7-40+ words get 50-point bonus. "Blanks" used as any letter have no point value. All Judd's words are in The Official Scrabble Players Dictionary (Merriam-Webster) and OGSN Official Scrabble Words (Chambers). JUDD'S SOLUTION TOMORROW 2-25-00 © 2000 United Feature Syndicate, Inc.

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WORD SLEUTH

WORDS IN REVERSE ALPHABETICAL ORDER

COLIEBYVSTQNKHE
BYWTROLJGOEBYWU
RPNKPIGDBFZXVSQ
OM(WRONGED)FKIDEG
ECAYLWDUSEQIEIP
NLJHKFEENEELCGKC
AYXVAUSQEOILNOI
PNMKJCHFSPPOON
ECBZYXCINOSP PRO
VUTRQPDEFFINSUT
OMLKIHGEMDACCUY

Thursday's unlisted clue: VETERANS

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward up, down and diagonally. Friday's unlisted clue: A FIRST-YEAR PRO ATHLETE

Mecca Solid Spoon Wronged
Polka Sonic Toffee Yucca
Rolled Speed Tonic Yuppie
Sniffed Sponged Trolled

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HOROSCOPE

For Saturday, Feb. 26

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Your emotions might get in the way of a business deal.
TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Try not to let your jealousy ruin an otherwise perfectly romantic encounter.
GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Your insightfulness pays off as you see something no one else sees.
CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Turn on the tap and let your feelings rush out into the open.
LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22) Be careful not to mistake something for something it isn't.
VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) Your need to analyze every little detail puts you in an investigative mood for the whole day.
LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) This is a good day to take inventory and get property appraised for insurance purposes.
SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Now is the time to do those things that you haven't had the nerve to do yet.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) If something is weighing heavily on your mind, now is the time to take a moment to figure out why.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) Make sure you take every little detail into consideration before making a major decision.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) A disappointment at work could leave you questioning your career path.
PISCES (Feb. 19 to March 20) Try not to get frustrated when things don't work out exactly the way you want.

ACES

By Bobby Wolff

West led his club king, East dropped his jack, and South took his club ace. After ruffing his last club, South drew trumps. West discarding two hearts and his club queen. When South led a diamond toward dummy, West wisely false-carded with his 10, hoping to deceive South. South succumbed, and dummy's jack lost to East's queen. East switched to his heart 10, South's queen was trapped, and South could not recover. He took dummy's ace and cashed dummy's diamond ace, but diamonds didn't break. Desperately South led a diamond to West's king, but West safely exited in clubs. South ruffed, but he had to lose two heart tricks for one down. South did not have to rely on finding the K-Q-10 of diamonds with West. He could afford to lose two diamonds to West, but what he could not afford was losing a diamond trick to East with a resultant heart shift. To cinch his game South should cash dummy's diamond ace and lead another diamond. If the suit splits 2-2, he has two overtricks. When the suit splits 3-1, he still survives. West wins and punches South in clubs, but South leads another diamond to establish the suit, using dummy's heart ace for an entry to the diamonds.

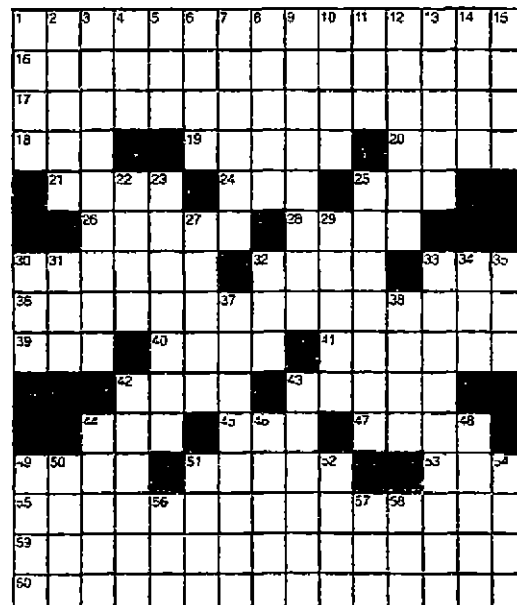
N.Y. TIMES CROSSWORD

No. 0114

- ACROSS**
- 1 Big 1980's-90's box office draw
 - 16 One for the money?
 - 17 Baking ingredient, maybe
 - 18 Red army member
 - 19 Buenos _____
 - 20 Butts
 - 21 Like
 - 24 "A Yank in the _____" (1941 film)
 - 25 Turning point: Abbr.
 - 26 Wholes or parts
 - 28 Winter Tarball and others
 - 30 Mark
 - 32 They may go to blazes
 - 33 Holy man's title
 - 36 Sing along
 - 39 Rude response to the visitors
 - 40 Vaudeville singer Bayes
 - 41 Chamber groups
 - 42 Gillette brand
 - 43 Little ones
 - 44 Shine in ad speak
 - 45 Prefix with prosely
 - 47 Prosperity
 - 49 Kind of surgery
 - 51 Swindled
 - 53 Short, for short
 - 55 Home debut of 2/15/1816, with "The"
 - 59 Plants
 - 60 Welfare checks, e.g.
- DOWN**
- 1 It's hard to tell
 - 2 _____ profit
 - 3 See 11-Down
 - 4 Mathematician John _____ Neumann
 - 5 Poultry that tastes like beef
 - 6 Lion in "The Lion King"
 - 7 Well fixtures
 - 8 Ruined city in southwest Jordan
 - 9 Obsession
 - 10 Passenger inquires Abbr.
 - 11 With 3-Down, designation of some French emigrants
 - 12 Lets slip, with "out"
 - 13 Knighted composer
 - 14 Printer's amount
 - 15 Boxers' warnings
 - 22 Privy to
 - 23 Dovetail
 - 25 Money maker
 - 27 There's one in 55-Across
 - 29 Furnishing
 - 30 Rave V1 P's
 - 31 Selene's sister
 - 32 Puzzler's shout

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

IRAN JEEPS CHI
NERO ARROWS OAR
STEVE MARTIN RYE
TITAN STAMPS
ENE RASH CRISTO
PASTICHE HERMAN
ACTORS ACE
LUTHERBURBANK
FIN TALCED
ABORAL GLASSJAW
REPINE EAST UVA
REPENT INNER
JAN STEPHENKING
ATE TETRAD GOGO
BED NEONS BRED



Puzzle by Martin Ashwood-Smith

- 33 "It's in the Bag" star 1945
- 34 Grnd
- 35 Merry-andrew
- 37 Gate (one end of London Bridge)
- 38 Nebraska City's county
- 42 Very nearly
- 43 Dwarf of a sort
- 44 Lake _____ largest lake in Italy
- 46 Certain Muslims
- 48 Air freshener option
- 49 Wide sashes
- 50 Objugation
- 51 Mile _____ Manresa
- 52 Gets set
- 54 _____ majesty
- 56 Language suffix
- 57 Chocolate's need
- 58 Pct. rate offerer

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